

"by every tie, human and divine, they
"owed allegiance."

Notwithstanding this critical and dreadful situation into which the Loyalists were drawn by their confidence in his Majesty's proclamation, and the assurances of Parliament; and notwithstanding many had suffered death, and numbers were languishing in dungeons and mines; the Commissioners of his Majesty and Parliament, and Commanders in Chief acting under his Majesty's authority, did not cease to call on those who survived to adhere to their allegiance, and for their assistance.

In the year 1776, Lord Viscount Howe* published a proclamation, and as a farther and more especial encouragement expressly declared, "That *due consideration* should be
"had to the meritorious services of all per-
"sons who should aid and assist in restoring
"the public tranquillity, and that *every suit-*
"*able encouragement* should be given for pro-
"moting such measures as should be condu-
"cive to the establishment of civil govern-
"ment and peace."

In the same year, two other proclamations were issued by Lord and General Howe, and

* One of the Parliamentary Commissioners, and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's naval forces in America.

a declaration by the latter in the year follow-
ing, calling on the people to discharge their
duties as subjects.

In the year 1778, his Majesty's Commissioners acting under the authority of Parliament, in their manifesto and letter to Henry Laurens, President of Congress, which they afterwards published throughout America, declare, that a "regard must be paid to the
"many who, from affection to Great Britain,
"have exposed themselves to suffer in this
"contest, and to whom Great Britain owes
"support at EVERY EXPENCE OF BLOOD
"AND TREASURE."

In the same year the same Commissioners published their manifesto and proclamation, in which they call on the people of America in general, "to vie with each other in eager
"and cordial endeavours to secure their own
"peace, and to promote and establish the
"prosperity of their country, and the gene-
"ral weal of the empire;" and in particular, apply to and command "all Officers, civil and
"military, and *all other his Majesty's loving*
"*subjects* whatever, to be aiding and assisting
"unto them in the execution of their mani-
"festo and proclamation, and all matters
"therein contained."